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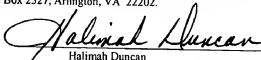
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Vessels and Covers

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which (check one)

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